

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Substance Use

Date Group Established (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

18th September 2025

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

26th November 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

19th December 2025

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

Group Meetings and Activities

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

18th September –

New members approved
Discussed drug related deaths
Update from Scottish Government Minister and officials on future direction of substance use within Scotland and what can be done to combat it.

26th November –

AGM took place
Discussion regarding Scotland's National Drug Checking Lab
Discussion regarding Glasgow's Drug Checking Lab and its accessibility and trauma-informed approach
Evaluation of Scotland's National Mission on drugs
Audrey Nicoll MSP gave update on Criminal Justice Committee work with substance use within prisons

2nd March –

Presentation and discussion/personal reflections the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971) in a Scottish context
Overview of the Scottish Drugs Forum manifesto
Acknowledgement that it was last meeting of the CPG of this session

MSP Members of The Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Audrey Nicoll – SNP
Paul Sweeney – Labour
Gillian Mackay – Greens
Stuart McMillan – SNP
Claire Baker – Labour
Miles Briggs - Conservative

Non-MSP Members of The Group

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

<p>Individuals</p>	<p>Douglas McBean Alf Kelly, Councillor (Falkirk) Arun Menon, NHS consultant Allan Houston, Councillor (Glasgow) Amanda-Jane Johnstone, Scottish Drugs Forum (SDF) (Secretariat) Cameron Scally Ewan Carmichael Fiona Gellatly Gary Topley Jo-Anne Hamilton, SDF (Secretariat) Kenny Harrison Kirsten Horsburgh, SDF (Secretariat) Mathis Heydtmann Peter Hunter Sian Fiddimore</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>Scottish Drugs Forum University West of Scotland Alcohol Focus Community Pharmacy Scotland Caps Independent Advocacy Public Health Scotland Coalition of Care and Support Workers in Scotland Faces and Voices of Recovery Cranstoun First for Fife The Mungo Foundation Big Lottery Fund Simon Community Scotland Equal Say NHS Tayside</p>

Alternatives

Scottish Alcohol Industry Partnership

Crew 2000

Royal Pharma Society

Turning Point Scotland

Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems

Blue Triangle

University of Glasgow

Stirling University

Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland

Scottish Recovery Consortium

Partners In Advocacy

Parent Infant Mental Health Scotland

The British Psychological Society

Police Scotland

Community Justice Scotland

Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs

Salvation Army

Glasgow Council on Alcohol

Abbey Care

University of Dundee

WithYou

Cyrenians

Fife Alcohol Support Service

NHS Lothian

Jericho Society

Recovery Scotland

Sustainable Interventions Supporting Change Outside

Falkirk Alcohol and Drugs Partnership

Lothian Quality - Trauma Informed Care Project

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	Scottish Independence Advocacy Alliance Waverley Care Change Grow Live Families Campaign for Change Rowan Alba
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Group Office Bearers

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Audrey Nicoll MSP
Deputy Convener	Paul Sweeney MSP
Secretary	Kirsten Horsburgh
Treasurer	N/A

Financial Benefits or Other Benefits

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

N/A

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

**COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
 (Please tick all boxes that apply)**

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	X
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	X
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	
Provided minutes of all meetings	X
Signed	
Date	20 th March 2026